

June 23, 2004

## MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting

The meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

Mike Sharp opened the meeting. MDT and MCA had the chance to cover their new business items before the group covered the agenda items.

### NEW BUSINESS F/ MDT

1. **Materials in Storage Special Provision.** This new special provision will be effective for the August letting. This special provision allows storage of material such as steel in other approved locations. This special provision will be change ordered into any jobs necessary.
2. **Lead Paint Removal.** A supplemental specification for the removal of lead paint will be formally distributed for comments on July 1<sup>st</sup>. MCA expressed some concern with language stating that rejected plans may be resubmitted only once. MDT will work on alternate language for this before formal distribution.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. **Guardrail Hardware.** MCA asked if there were any more reported problems of foreign steel showing up on MDT projects. MDT knew of no others. A representative from Trinity reported that they have changed their quality assurance procedures to catch these problems in the future.
2. **Erosion Control.** MCA still feels there are some unknowns with Erosion Control. MDT requested some comments from MCA to work out some of these concerns.
3. **Qualified Products List.** The new MDT Materials Engineer is expected to be appointed soon. MDT wants to look at reciprocity agreements with other states on a QPL to help get this list started.
4. **Addenda Process.** MDT informed MCA that there were several recommendations that came from the meeting in May including the use of electronic addenda, moving the deadline for contractor questions to Friday, moving the deadline for MDT review to the Wednesday before the letting, and implementing a tracking system. These recommendations are expected to be finalized within a month.
5. **Final Inspection and Acceptance.** These specifications went to Transportation Commission and MDT did not receive any comments. These specifications will be forwarded to FHWA for final approval and implemented with the August letting.
6. **Claims Specification.** MDT informed MCA that the final version of the specification has been approved by FHWA and will be implemented with the August Letting.
7. **Electronic Bidding.** MDT will be bringing Info Tech in to begin training. MDT handed out a copy of the draft administrative rules. Implementation is expected to begin in the next couple of months. Info Tech typically plans on four months of test lettings and four months of parallel lettings before going into production. MDT asked MCA for volunteer contractors to help with the estimates. Contractors volunteered immediately.
8. **Pavement Markings.** MDT received the comments from the striping contractors and incorporated the changes into the draft. The supplemental specification will be implemented with the August letting.
9. **Seal Coat Warranty Guide.** MDT is currently drafting a hard copy of the warranty guide. MDT has worked with the Seal Coat Contractors to develop a better specification. This should be ready for implementation with the November letting.

### NEW BUSINESS F/ MCA

1. **¾" Crushed Top Surfacing.** MCA asked if ¾" CTS could be used full-depth for crushed aggregate course instead of just the top 0.15 ft. MDT stated they would have to look into this.
2. **VMA.** MCA discussed its concerns with the 12.5 mm Grade S and the minimum VFA for the Grade S specification. MDT suggested that MCA join them in reviewing the plant mix

guidelines.

3. **Grade S Outliers.** MCA stated some concerns with testing in places where handwork is being done, and the subjectivity of the outliers. MDT agreed that there may be a need for some guidance on the use of this feature.
4. **Cement Shortage.** MCA informed MDT of a potential problem coming up this summer with a shortage in cement in the state. MCA stated that suppliers will not quote for this summer due to the shortage in stockpiles.

The next meeting will be **September 29th, 2004**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the **MCA Office**.

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